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Glacier National Park Fire Update

July 25, 2003; 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Fire Information

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Trapper Creek Complex: Fires in Complex: Trapper Creek, Wolf Gun, Paul Bunyan

Cause: Lightning

Trapper Creek: Started 7/16/03, approx. 12,000 acres

Wolf Gun: Started 7/16/03, approx. 1400 acres

Paul Bunyan: Started 7/16/03, approx. 300 acres

Location: 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT

Management: The management of the complex will transition to Raley's Type I Incident Management Team over the weekend. Seventeen personnel are assigned to the complex,

Fuels: Subalpine fir, spruce, lodgepole, whitebark pine, alder

Fire Behavior: Primary movement on the Trapper Creek Fire to the south on July 23rd required the partial closure of the Going to the Sun Road. Fire activity has moderated since this significant run. Trapper Creek has stalled on the Continental Divide. Both Wolf Gun and Paul Bunyan showed little growth on Thursday.

Concerns: Provide for public and staff safety, minimize impacts to visitors, local businesses and park concessions, and National Park Service staff, and provide structure protection for identified sites.

Closures: Going to the Sun Road from West Glacier to Logan Pass; all trails leading from Going to the Sun Road on west side; Bowman Lake area; Kintla Lake Trail. The Kintla and Upper Kintla backcountry campgrounds are also closed. Many Glacier area trails, west entrance, Lake McDonald Lodge, Apgar Businesses and services; Many Glacier Hotel and services.

Open: All services and facilities at Goat Haunt, St. Mary, Rising Sun, Two Medicine, East Glacier, Walton, Belly River.

Weather: Mostly sunny 77 to 82 degrees, relative humidity 26-36%, east, northeast 5-10 mph
Information lines for other fires in park:

Other Fires in Glacier National Park that have influenced the listed closures in the park:

The Robert Fire: 5,000-6,000 acres

Wedge Canyon Fire: 11,000 acres